

**REMARKS**

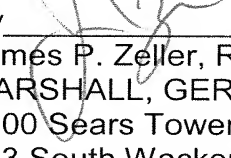
This paper is presented in response to the non-final official action of August 1, 2008, wherein (a) claims 1-16 and 21-24 were pending, (b) claims 1 and 16 were objected to due to informalities, (c) claims 3-10 were rejected under 35 USC 112, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph for indefiniteness, (d) claims 2-10, 15, 16, and 21-24 were rejected in view of the prior art, and (e) claims 1 and 11-14 were deemed allowable in substance.

In response, claims 1 and 14 have been amended to address the basis for objection to claim 1 and to improve their form, and claims 2-10, 15, 16, and 21-24 have been canceled, without prejudice. The title of the application has been amended for consistency with the presently-claimed subject matter.

Therefore, the objection to claim 16 and the rejections of claims 2-10, 15, 16, and 21-24 are moot, and claims 1 and 11-14 are in condition for allowance. A prompt indication to that effect is solicited.

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